

Headteacher - Mrs. E Gale



# Newsletter

Summer Term - 23rd July 2024

## A Message from the Head



Dear Queen's Park Families,

As we reach the end of a very successful academic year, I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you for your unwavering support and dedication to our school community. Your partnership has been instrumental in helping us create a nurturing and thriving environment for our children.

To our wonderful Year 6 children, well done! We are incredibly proud of all your hard work, achievements, and the growth you have shown throughout your time at Queen's Park. You have been fantastic role models for our school, and we will miss you dearly as you move on to the next exciting chapter of your educational journey. Remember, you will always have a special place in our hearts and are always welcome back to visit.

To all our families, thank you for your constant support, encouragement, and involvement. Whether it's attending school events, supporting learning at home, or simply being there for your children, your contributions have made a significant difference in building our school community.

As we head into the summer break, I hope you all have a relaxing and enjoyable time with your loved ones. We look forward to welcoming you back in the new academic year, refreshed and ready for more learning and further school improvement. School starts for children at 8:40am on Wednesday 4th September and we cannot wait to welcome them back!

Wishing you all a fantastic summer!

*Mrs. E. Gale*

# What's happening in... Design Technology



Children at Queen's Park School have been thoroughly enjoying their learning in DT - Design and Technology. Their DT projects are based around the fascinating topics they are learning about. They have used their knowledge and learning to plan, create and evaluate unique, purposeful models, sculptures and creations.

To prepare, children need to work out which materials and tools they will need, how and when these will be used and how effective they think they will be. They discuss and share their ideas with fellow class members. Children then usually sketch a plan or design, labelling all of the important parts, what they will do, if/how they will move and how parts will be linked together. All of the children have had amazing, creative ideas that have been discussed and shared so they can get feedback from others on what is good and what they could possibly improve to make their plan even better. Then the fun starts! After formulating their detailed plan, the designers get to make the real-life version! Children totally love this part of the learning as their practical knowledge, ideas, creativity and artistic skills can be used for a purpose and they love to see the end result! Once they have completed their project and added all of the detail and decoration for aesthetic appeal, they then self-assess and evaluate their project. They can then show and share their projects with other children who can also give their input as to what they think is really good and why and what could possibly be done to make it even better next time. This part of the process helps children to understand the purpose and relevance of their learning. It also helps them to understand that making mistakes is part of their learning too!



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# What's happening in... Design Technology



There have been so many interesting DT activities going recently!

**Reception** have really enjoyed doing junk modelling making boats based on a book they have read recently called 'How to Find Gold.'

**Year 1** have made models of castles using cardboard and then added detail and painted them to make them lifelike! They have also used their sewing skills to make colourful and interesting puppets of characters in fairy tales .

**Year 2** have been busy using their cooking skills! They have used their learning from their African country topic to make Ghanaian shortbreads. They have researched recipes, chosen the ingredients and baked them. Then eaten their delicious products!

**Year 3** have planned and prepared amazing sandwiches using a variety of ingredients to make them healthy! They have thought carefully about how to prepare and present each finished product to make it look and taste amazing!

**Year 4** have been learning about the digestive system in Science and have made sculptures of their own teeth using malleable materials. They have used their own teeth to model their sculpture, taking into account the difference in size and shape of various types of teeth.

**Year 5** have been very busy with sewing! They have made their own bags on a South American theme. They have researched how to design and decorate these to ensure they are fit for purpose and are attractive with South American features!

**Year 6** have been incredibly busy making models of Anderson shelters and gas masks based on their Britain at War topic. They have also been doing an Enterprise project where they design, make, market and advertise a product with a £5 budget. Things like very squidgy slime have been made and packaged to sell for a profit!

Very well done to all of the children and staff for their enthusiastic learning in DT.

All of your unique, original, creative and wonderful ideas and creations are amazing and are fabulous at enhancing your learning across the curriculum in all year groups! Keep up the brilliant work and make sure those stunning, purposeful ideas continue!



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# Dear Queens Park Families



## ParentPay Debt

We would like to kindly remind you about any outstanding payments on your ParentPay account for School Lunches for Yr3, Yr4, Yr5 & Yr6.

Queens Park Primary School operates a "zero tolerance" approach to debt for the payment of School Lunches and has a strict NO DEBT policy. If debts are incurred, then the school budget has to pay for them. This means that money which should be spent on the children's education is used to pay debts incurred by parents.

Please could you settle any outstanding balances on your account.

We are now cash less and can no longer accept cash all payments must be made via ParentPay.

To make payment, please login to your ParentPay account and follow the instructions on the link <https://parent-support.parentpaygroup.com/hc/en-gb/articles/4410737893649-How-to-make-a-payment>

Cashless payments

Do you still have the wording from the last newsletter? could you use this?

## Donations

We are looking for donations of dressing up for our children in Year1 and also any fabrics that could be used for making puppets and other projects, your help with this would be amazing.

## Uniform Expectations

It is that time of year when the shops are full of school uniform and children are growing, so if you are thinking of getting ready and making your purchases please check our uniform guidelines below;

### UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS

Navy blue sweatshirt, cardigan or jumper with or without school logo Plain black trousers, shorts or skirt (no denim)  
Plain white polo shirt Navy blue and white checked summer dress Black shoes or trainers (a small logo is acceptable e.g. a Nike tick). These must be sensible and suitable for school - no backless shoes, crocks, flip-flops, etc.

Please ensure they are suitable for running on the playground surface.

In the summer, children may wish to wear sandals and that is fine. However, they must have a back strap and buckles to ensure they are stable and stay on their feet.

### PE AND SPORTS KIT EXPECTATIONS

Year Reception to year 4 must bring their PE kit into school and change for PE before their lesson. Years 5 and 6 may wear their PE kit to school on their PE days. These will be communicated with parents at the start of each half-term.  
Plain white t-shirt Black jogging bottoms or shorts Trainers or plimsolls Children should change for PE. As a national curriculum subject, children will go outside in less favourable weather so it is important that they have a separate PE kit so that they can change back into their dry and warm uniform.

More details are on our website <https://www.queenspark.brighton-hove.sch.uk/our-school/uniform>

We have attached some shop links for you to find the right uniform easily, there will be others that you can shop from too.

<https://direct.asda.com/george/school-uniform/D10,default,sc.html>

<https://www.tesco.com/zones/clothing/school-uniform>

<https://tuclighting.sainsburys.co.uk/browse/school-uniform/c:842024/>

<https://www.mandsyourschooluniform.com/>






## School Term Dates 2024/25


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### Key

-  Bank holidays (see details below)
-  School holidays
-  2 September = INSET day for most schools  
(5 INSET days in total, chosen by individual schools)

 First day of term / half-term

 Last day of term / half-term



# CONGRATULATIONS

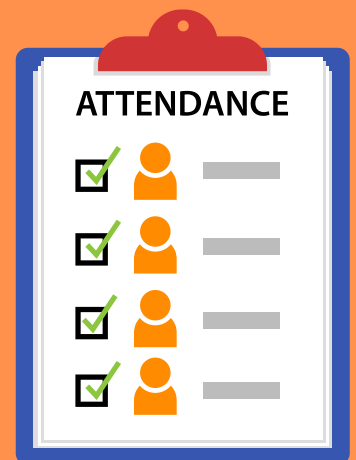


Reception Butterflies - Lucas  
Reception Ladybirds - Whole Class  
Year 1 - Olive & Ellie  
Year 2 - Ivy-May & Mia  
Year 3 - Maria & James  
Year 4 - Lennie, Raya-Mei & Fren  
Year 5 - Kyle & Omar  
Year 6 - Whole of Year 6

Attendance Fred has  
been awarded to:

## BEETLES

Well done for good  
attendance



*Well done Hot Chocolaters!*

Loretta, Arthur, Daria,  
Aarav, Daniel, Duressa &  
Liliana



## JOIN US!

New Reception children joining Queen's Park Primary School this September are very welcome to join us at our Summer Holiday Clubs from July 24th.

Send your very important minors to meet our team, familiarise themselves with the school building and meet some of their new school friends over the summer on a fun filled day of games, arts and crafts and outdoor fun!

Childcare vouchers are accepted and sibling discounts also apply if applicable. Please contact us with any questions on [info@vimcamps.com](mailto:info@vimcamps.com), we'd love to hear from you!

**Time:** 9 - 3

**Cost:** £30



[vimcamps.com](https://vimcamps.com)



# CYBER CHOICES

## Parent/Carer Webinar's



Following the resounding success and popularity of the Parents & Carers Cyber Choices webinars Sussex Police provided earlier this year, they have set up four more sessions over the summer.

These are all free, online events. Please take a closer look and follow the links below.

### CYBER CHOICES

The Cyber Choices sessions for parents, look at how we can help to safeguard young people from committing computer misuse offences, and why this needs to happen. These sessions last around an hour, are totally FREE to attend. They are aimed at parents/carers of a wide range of children/young people, from KS2 pupils (7-8 year olds) right up to college/uni students (18+) Each webinar covers the same material, so they you need only sign up for one of them.

Follow this link to book...

[Cyber crime webinar bookings](#)

### CYBER PROTECT

Cyber Protect are running separate webinars for parents and carers, with a focus on protecting children from online threats. These sessions – also FREE

Follow this link to book...

[Cyber Protect webinar bookings](#)







**Brighton & Hove  
City Council**



## **Holiday cycle training courses**

Cycle training is held at Hove and Preston Park during the school holidays

### **Level 1 & 2 - Ages 9 – 15**

Children must have completed all level 1 activities before progressing to Level 2



**Monday 5 – Thursday 8 August 10.00 – 12.30 or 13.15 – 15.45**

**Monday 12 – Thursday 15 August**

**Monday 19 – Thursday 22 August 10.00 – 12.30**

**Tuesday 27 – Friday 30 August 10.00 – 12.30 or 13.15 – 15.45**

**Cost per person is £50.00**

### **Level 3 – Ages 11 - 15**

Children must have attended a level 2 course before progressing forward



**Wednesday 24 – Friday 26 July 10.00 – 12.00 or 13.00 – 15.00**

**Monday 12 – Wednesday 14 August**

**Monday 19 – Wednesday 21 August 13.15 – 15.15**

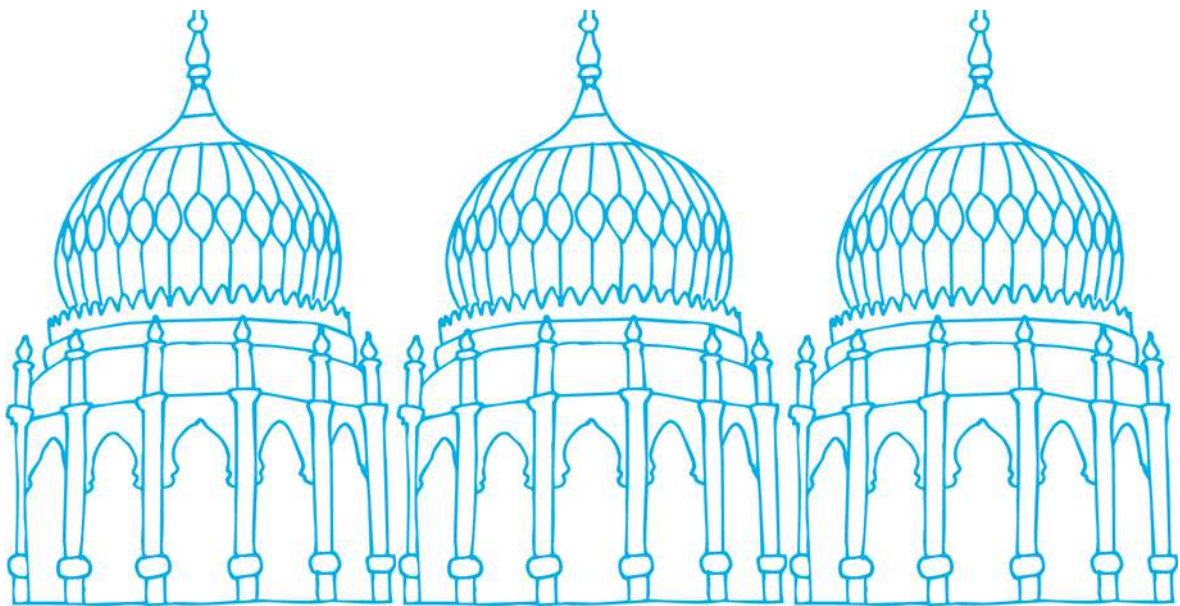
**Cost per person is £50.00**

**To book a place visit <https://cycling.envelope.host/courses>  
or contact 01273 293847 or email [east.central@brighton-hove.gov.uk](mailto:east.central@brighton-hove.gov.uk)**

# family grapevine Brighton & Hove

Things to Do – Childcare – Education – Parties – Activities – Events –  
Helplines – Ante/Postnatal – Support and more

If you are a parent or carer in the Brighton & Hove area, or if you run a business or group for children, I hope you will find the Brighton & Hove Family Grapevine magazine and this website useful, supportive and sometimes inspirational! Whether your child is still a bump, baby, toddler, school age or teenager, there are 1,000s of useful contacts to help you.



**Click here for more info and events...**

**Family Grapevine website**





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SCHOOL

# OPEN EVENING

Thursday 19th September 2024, 4:30-7:30pm  
(for September 2025 admissions - drop in, no need to book)

Please note there are no parking facilities available on site

Bus routes 26, 46, 52 The Big Lemon, 94 and 94A stop outside the school

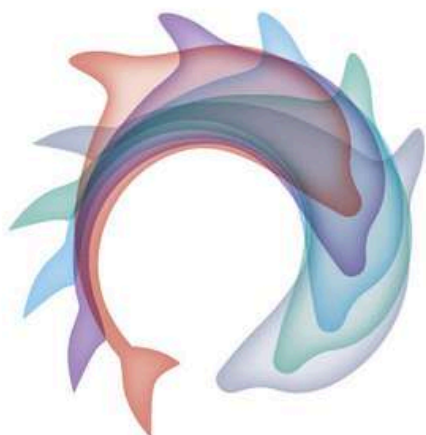


[www.varndean.co.uk](http://www.varndean.co.uk)  
01273 561281

X @VarndeanSchool

Instagram @varndeanschoolbrighton

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# VARNDEAN SCHOOL



## 1-2-1 SKATEBOARDING LESSONS

Available every weekend at The Level and Hove Lagoon Skateparks subject to availability covering core skills, tricks, ramp and bowl riding.

## SUMMER SKATE CLUBS

Supervised by x 2 experienced Skateboard GB coaches with insurance, safeguarding, first aid and enhanced DBS certification.

Teaching core skills, tricks, ramp riding and more using games and demonstrations at each session.

Benefit from 10% discount at Big Beach Cafe when attending a session also all for £30.00 per person with all equipment provided.



Monday 22nd July [Level Skate School - Booking by Bookwhen](#)

Tuesday 23rd July [Level Skate School - Booking by Bookwhen](#)

Friday 26th July [Level Skate School - Booking by Bookwhen](#)

Thursday 1st August [Level Skate School - Booking by Bookwhen](#)

Friday 2nd August [Level Skate School - Booking by Bookwhen](#)

'Tuesday 13th August [Level Skate School - Booking by Bookwhen](#)

'Thursday 15th August [Level Skate School - Booking by Bookwhen](#)

'Tuesday 20th August [Level Skate School - Booking by Bookwhen](#)

'Thursday 22nd August [Level Skate School - Booking by Bookwhen](#)



## SUMMER HOLIDAYS SKATEBOARDING COURSE

Every morning from Mon 5th - 9th August at 9 - 10am at Hove Lagoon Skatepark

£60.00 per person with all equipment provided

Learn the basics or improve your existing skills using x 2 public skateparks at Hove Lagoon and the new Hove Beach Park Plaza.

A fun and friendly course suitable for ages 5 - 11 years teaching beginners and Improvers skateboarding skills along with tricks and ramp riding to get you rolling this summer and beyond.

Delivered by experienced and insured Skateboard GB coaches with Safeguarding, First Aid and Enhanced DBS certification.

All attending will also receive 10% discount at Big Beach Cafe on food & drinks and an official Skateboard GB 'Cruiser Award' certificate and stickers on completion of the course

Extra ramps and obstacles will be provided by us to learn on and skate throughout the week.

Places are limited so get in quick and book your place here: [Level Skate School - Booking by Bookwhen](#)